



**Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen  
U.S. Capitol Rotunda  
Thursday, March 29, 2007  
1:00 PM**

President Bush is scheduled to attend the Capitol Rotunda ceremony awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen. Television pool coverage will be provided from the back riser (head-on shot) and a cuts position to be distributed TBA. Organizations also may cover this event unilaterally but must set up on the riser's second level.

Crews may begin setting up on the camera riser at 7:00 am on Thursday. All equipment and cable runs to the Rotunda live drop must be in place by 10:00 am to accommodate the security sweep. The live drop in Statuary Hall may not be used to cover this event.

**Only media with current full-time or temporary Capitol Hill "hard" passes may cover the ceremony.**

Following the ceremony, Rep. Rangel and Sen. Levin will host a reception in the Library of Congress' Great Hall. Media coverage will be permitted. Contact Emile Milne or Joie Hill with Rep. Rangel at (202) 225-4365, or Ron Brewington with the Tuskegee Airmen at (323) 533-1036, for more details.

If you plan to cover the Rotunda ceremony or have any additional questions, please call Andy Elias in the House Radio-TV Gallery at (202) 225-5214.

**TENTATIVE TIMELINE**

- 7:00 a.m. Set up begins in the Rotunda
- 10:00 a.m. Security sweep begins. All equipment including press, band, etc set in Rotunda.
- 11:30 a.m. Tuskegee Airmen arrive Capitol.
- 12:00 p.m. Tuskegee Airmen proceed to Statuary Hall.
- 12:30 p.m. Rotunda closes to editorial press without equipment. Please use the North Door (Senate side) to enter.
- 12:45 p.m. U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass begins prelude.
- 12:55 p.m. Program participants line up and are escorted to the Rotunda stage (*except* President pro tempore, Speaker and President).

- 1:00 p.m. Offstage announcement--The President pro tempore, Speaker and President are announced. They walk on stage and take their places.
- 1:04 p.m. Off-stage announcement--The Tuskegee Airmen Procession enters Rotunda.
- 1:05 p.m. **Call to Order:** The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 1:06 p.m. **Presentation of the Colors:** U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
- 1:07 p.m. **National Anthem:** Ms. Melissa Cintron
- 1:10 p.m. **Posting of the Colors**
- 1:12 p.m. **Invocation:** The Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives
- 1:14 p.m. **Welcome and Remarks:** The Honorable Carl Levin, U.S. Senate (2 min)
- 1:16 p.m. **Remarks on the Resolution:**  
The Honorable Charles B. Rangel, U.S. House of Representatives (2 min)
- 1:18 p.m. **Greeting from the Congressional Black Caucus:**  
The Honorable Carolyn C. Kilpatrick, U.S. House of Representatives (2 min)
- 1:20 p.m. **Musical Selection:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm  
Mr. Jeff Majors featuring Mr. Walter Sigler (5 min)
- 1:25 p.m. **Remarks:**
- The Honorable Colin L. Powell, Former Secretary of State and Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (3 min)
  - The Honorable John Boehner, Republican Leader, U. S. House of Representatives (2 min)
  - The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Republican Leader, U.S. Senate (2 min)
  - The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate (2 min)
  - The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives (5 min)
  - The Honorable George W. Bush, The President (5 min)
- 1:45 p.m. **Presentation of the Gold Medal:**  
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
The Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States.
- 1:50 p.m. **Acceptance and Word of Thanks:**

-Lieutenant Colonel Lee A. Archer, Jr.

-**Dr. Roscoe Brown, Jr.**

-**Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson**

- Colonel Charles E. McGee
- Lieutenant Colonel Harry T. Stewart, Jr.
- Technical Sergeant George Watson

1:55 p.m.      **Benediction:** The Reverend Barry Black, Chaplain, U.S. Senate

1:58 p.m.      **Ceremony concludes.**